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NH Insurance Department to Hold Oct. 30 Annual Public Hearing on Health Insurance Premiums

CONCORD, NH – The New Hampshire Insurance Department will host its annual public hearing on health insurance premiums and medical care cost drivers from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30, 2018, at the University of New Hampshire School of Law in Concord.

According to state law, the Insurance Commissioner “shall hold an annual public hearing concerning premium rates in the health insurance market and the factors, including health care costs and cost trends that have contributed to rate increases during the prior year.” This year’s public hearing is based on data and information available in 2017.

“The New Hampshire Insurance Department’s annual hearing is an important tool to increase transparency and foster dialogue on health care costs in New Hampshire,” said New Hampshire Insurance Commissioner John Elias. “Each year, we convene health insurance companies, members of state government, and New Hampshire residents to examine what’s behind high health care costs in the state and what can be done about it. I encourage anyone who is interested to attend, either in person or remotely.”

This year’s hearing will include a report on the 2017 data submitted by health insurance companies in New Hampshire. There will be a presentation on provider discount rates and an insurer panel discussion on the impacts of consolidation in the industry. The hearing will include a public comment period.

The hearing is open to the public, although seating is limited. Live streaming of the event is planned.

- [Reserve a seat](#) to attend the event in person.
- [Register](#) for the live stream option.

The New Hampshire Insurance Department’s mission is to promote and protect the public good by ensuring the existence of a safe and competitive insurance marketplace through the development and enforcement of the insurance laws of the State of New Hampshire. For more information, visit <http://www.nh.gov/insurance>.